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# News Release

## **ICE ARREST OF HONDURAN MS-13 GANG MEMBER KEEPS KNOWN FELON OFF OF NEW YORK STREETS**

***Violent Gang Member Sentenced to Seven-Year Prison Term***

NEW YORK, NY- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today announced that Dennis Dominguez-Hernandez, 28, a member of the notorious Mara Salvatrucha gang, known as MS-13, was sentenced to seven years in a federal prison. The U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of New York sentenced him on Friday, March 4, 2005.

ICE agents arrested Dominguez-Hernandez on June 29, 2004 for re-entering the United States after a being deported for attempted robbery and assault in 1995. He was ordered by an immigration judge to be removed back to the Honduras. Hempstead Police Department alerted ICE agents when they recognized Hernandez from a prior arrest.

“These gang members are a danger to society. We are committed to breaking the cycle of gang violence in our communities and are working closely with local law enforcement to apprehend these individuals.” said Martin D. Ficke, ICE Special Agent-in-Charge for the New York office. “ICE is committed to dismantling this criminal element and bringing them to justice.”

At the completion of his sentence, ICE will deport Dominguez-Hernandez. In the 2004 fiscal year, ICE removed a record-setting 160,000 aliens from the United States; 53 percent were criminal aliens. More than 7,800 were removed to Honduras last year; approximately 2,340 were criminal aliens.

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